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DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES AND

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**MEMBRANES** 

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

[X] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (68 pages).

- [X] Formal drawings (17 sheets, Figures 1-16B).
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- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).
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